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TOPIC Information on KVP Units Arriving in Gera

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1. On 22 September 1953, three troop trains each occupied by about 900 KVPs were unloaded at Gera railroad station. The first of these trains also carried 2 x 57-mm AT guns, 6 field kitchens and 12 motor vehicles. Three boxcars loaded with equipment were also seen. The two other trains

allegedly also carried equipment, the third train was allegedly also loaded with about 12 artillery pieces of undetermined caliber. Each of the three troop trains was said to have been escorted by a Soviet officer. The unit involved in the detraining operations moved to the Technische Werke on Kepler Strasse, which now quartered an estimated 3,000 men. On 29 September, training activities were observed for the first time at the installation.

about 10 men each doing basic drill with carbines.

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2. The former Kreispflegeanstalt at 3 Roschuetzer Weg in Gera-Tinz quartered an estimated 300 VP's who wore blue uniforms. The soldiers who were about 18 years old, allegedly were officer candidates who attended a 6-month course. About 40 cadre personnel were attached to the school. Until noon on every day, theoretical instructions and basic training with and without carbines were given at the installation. Field training including terrain appreciation, map reading, range estimation, aiming practices with carbines and light machine guns and basic infantry training was given in the athletic field in Roschuetz after 2 p.m. Four sedans and 12 trucks

were seen at the installation.

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Comment: The soldiers who were observed arriving in Gera belong to an infantry regiment of deactivated Infantry Division Probst. Gera military post is in the area of the newly organized Bereitschaft Erfurt.

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